



JC07 Rec'd PCT/PTO 2/1 FEB 2002 PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SAKAI, et al. #4

Serial No.: 10/018,576

Art Unit: To Be Determined

Examiner: To Be Determined

Atty. Docket: 0277-0002

For: Positive Electrode Active Material for
Secondary Battery and Manufacturing Method
Thereof and Nonaqueous Electrolytic Solution
Secondary Battery Therewith and Recovered
Electronic Functional Material and Reproduction
Method of Electronic Functional Material

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be
considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of
disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention
over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may
not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the
teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive
search has been made, or that there does not exist information more material to the
examination of the present patent application. The Examiner is specifically requested not

to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will review art of record in all 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority documents.

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

2. The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.

a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2).

c. Attached is our check no. _____ in the amount of \$200.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

3. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. It is hereby requested that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered. Attached is our check no. _____ in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure

Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information

Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

b. I hereby certify that no item of information on this Information Disclosure

Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2).

4. Relevance of the following non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification: JP-A 10-008150

5. The following document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application:

JP-A 11-149925, JP-A 11-135119, JP-A 08-022846, JP-A 50-072844. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the following non-English language document(s) appears in the attached abstracts: JP-A 05-054886 (JP 2,855,900), JP-A 08-022846, JP-A 10-008150, JP-A 11-135119, JP-A 11-149925.

7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No.

_____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **50-0622**.

Respectfully submitted,

SHANKS & HERBERT

By: 
Mark R. Shanks
Reg. No. 33,781

Date: 2/21/02

TransPotomac Plaza
1033 N. Fairfax Street
Suite 306
Alexandria, VA 22314

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

ATTY DOCKET NO.

SERIAL NO

10/018,576

APPLICANT(S)
SAKAI, et al.

FILING DATE

December 20, 2001

GROUP

To Be Determined.

PCB 21 2002

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER DOCUMENTS (*Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.*)

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------